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**SUBJECT: GENERAL—** Albania/PSYCH

**SPECIFIC—** Monthly Activity Report, 15 June to 14 July 1954

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1. OBTEST Program Content: Topics obtested during this period included the anniversary of the Berlin uprising, the Elections of the People's Assembly in Albania, Churchill's visit and discussions with President Eisenhower, and the overthrow of the Communist regime in Guatemala. Other topics such as the rumored rivalry between the Soviet and China, defections of Communists to the West, and appeals to the Albanian Communists, messages to our fighters for freedom, etc. also were part of our attempts to convince the Albanian Communists whom we believe form the major part of our listening audience that they had better change their loyalty while there was still time to do so.
2. OBTEST Transmission: The regular schedule of over 24 daily separate transmissions of OBTEST continued. In an attempt to further nullify the jammers. PIREX will conduct tests in the near future by transmitting OBTEST over the two 500 watt transmitters simultaneously with the two 2500 watt transmitters. OBTEST will thus be transmitted over four different frequencies simultaneously. We will notify Headquarters whether or not the enemy jammers also interfere with the two added broadcasts.
3. OBTEST Reception and Effect within Albania: ☐ from time to time continues to listen to one of the 24 or more OBTEST transmissions at his post in Iannina. His latest monitoring on one of the morning transmissions (report covering the period 26 May to 14 June 1954) revealed that out of the 9 transmission monitored, four were excellent in reception (90% - 100% clear); four were poor (only 50% were audible) and one was very poor, i.e., the program could not be understood.

Of the ten refugees interrogated during this period only three were in towns with electricity where they had an opportunity to hear OBTEST. One of them, ZHAVAS, said he had not heard the OBTEST programs during his stay

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In Tirana, GEORGIS, who lived in Tirana, claimed he heard OBTEST from time to time, while Abedin HYSEN, who lived in Korce claimed he heard OBTEST regularly. The other seven refugees stated that they received news by word of mouth from OBTEST from time to time. All these refugees will be re-interrogated by ☐ using the new specific PW evaluation questionnaire recently received from Headquarters.

4. PW Interrogations: During this period the OBTEST staff conducted interrogations at the HINEIGH Headquarters on ZHAVAS, GEORGIS, RONDOS, KARATIANOS, and six of the eight members of the Willow Team contacts: Ahmet HYSKA, Abedin HYSEN, Sali HYSKA, Ali SELIMI, Estref AHET, Khemal SHABANI. All of these individuals gave material some of which will be used by both OBTEST and OBKEEK. The present arrangements of having the OBTEST staff conduct the PW interrogations themselves, although time consuming for the OBTEST staff, is by far the best arrangement for obtaining material for OBTEST and OBKEEK and at the same time gives all the writers a feeling for conditions inside the country.
5. Leaflets: (When the project OBTUSE reaches ☐ this topic will be included in a separate OBTUSE report which at present treats only the operational side of the leaflet drops.)

Frankfurt station TAD was able to complete 300,000 large copies of the July OBKEEK, and also expressed the desire and ability to handle all our OBKEEK requirements. Although the July OBKEEK was the first one actually laid out and prepared by the Frankfurt printing plant (since Rome used to send the completed master copy), the personnel, in ☐ opinion, are sufficiently capable and careful. Only one more personal trip by ☐ for layout, proofreading and instructional purposes will be necessary before the whole matter can be handled by dispatch or KUBARK air courier.

The August OBKEEK is in the final stages of preparation and will be taken by ☐ to Frankfurt on 21 July and be picked up and delivered to Athens by the regular KUBARK flight some time during the first week in August. In addition, ☐ expects to take up one or two small leaflets dealing with warnings to Sigurimi agents in specified localities whose names will be listed, and a leaflet on article drops.

The disturbing reports from some of the eight members of the Willow Team contact group that recently exfiltrated to the effect many of our leaflets were falling in tied bundles has been taken up with ☐ who promised to look into the matter.

6. Mail Campaign: Headquarters has already been informed on the mail campaign conducted in East Berlin against Vera POJANI, and the follow-up on both

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OBTEST (see 15 July script) and the August OBTEST. Also while in Berlin [ ] received assurances from the case officer in charge, Pegelow, that the Berlin station could mail a large quantity of letters from East Berlin for this desk. Consequently, AIKRF is busy addressing envelopes to the large number of Albanian Communists whose names and addresses he has compiled. For the present we plan only mailing of leaflets.

7. Personnel: In view of the increased workload as a result of PW interrogations, mail campaign, and a desire to step-up leaflet activity, notice of RNPENIAN's impending arrival to Athens was most welcome.

During [ ] absence in Germany, [ ] assumed supervision and direction of OBTEST.

All personnel on this desk continue to aid in PW activities all the way from suggesting methods of improving our PW themes to helping in the tying and delivery of leaflets to Air Support.

OBTEST staff is looking for a new safehouse and hopes to move by mid-August.

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